

REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11, and 12 were pending in the above-identified application when last examined.

Claims 4-6, 8, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,764,558 (Pearson et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,926,371 (Vassiliadis et al.) and also under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,286,024 (Yano et al.) in view of Vassiliadis et al. The rejection was made final. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 110(C) and 116(b)(1), Applicant requests entry of the above amendment to the claims, which cancels rejected claims 4-6, 8, and 9, obviating the rejections.

Claims 2, 3, 11, and 12 were allowed and after the above amendment are the only claims that remain pending in the application. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection and requests allowance of the application including claims 2, 3, 11, and 12.

Applicant also requests entry of the above amendment of the Specification to correct a typographical error in the title.

Please contact the undersigned attorney at (408) 927-6700 if there are any questions concerning the application or this document.

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